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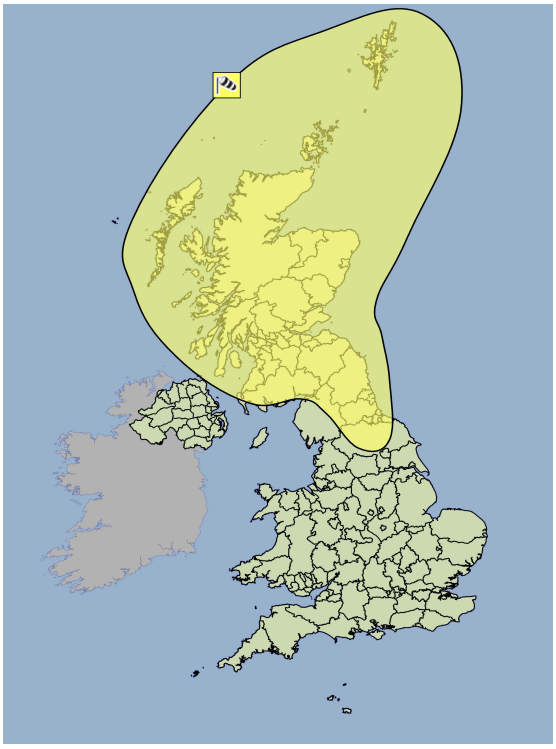

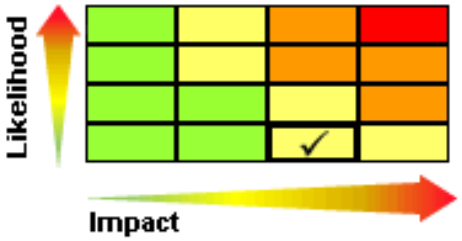

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is expected to track close to northern Scotland during Friday. There is uncertainty over the exact track of the depression and the depth of it, which in turn leads to uncertainty in the location and strength of the strongest winds. Currently, the far north of Scotland, particularly the Northern Isles, looks the most probable area to see the strongest winds, with the potential for damaging storm-force winds here.

Given the uncertainty mentioned above and the potential for medium impacts, this warning is likely to be updated in the coming days.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **03:00 on Fri, 29th Jan 2016** until **18:00 on Fri, 29th Jan 2016**

West to southwesterly gales are expected to develop widely across Scotland and parts of northern England during Friday. The strongest winds are most likely to affect the far north of Scotland, particularly the Northern Isles, and here gusts of around 80 mph are possible. Elsewhere, winds are expected to widely gust 50-60 mph, possibly up to 70 mph in exposed locations.

Be aware of the potential for difficult driving conditions and disruption to travel. Across the far north of Scotland there is potential for higher levels of travel disruption, such as cancellation to ferry services and bridge closures.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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